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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING MARCH 22

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1. TIMING OF WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS:
CONTACT GROUP AGREED AD REFERENDUM MARCH 22 TO NEW
BRITISH FORMULATION OF TALKING POINT TO SOUTH AFRICANS
ON ISSUE OF RETENTION OF TROOPS. OPERATIVE LINE AGREED
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TO BY CG READS: "WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY MAY EXPRESS THEIR OPINION ON THIS MATTER"
(OF RETENTION OF TROOPS). BRITISH AGREED TO FLESH
THIS SENTENCE OUT INTO COMPLETE TALKING POINT ON THIS
ISSUE, FOR CG'S FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

2. SWAPO "TAKEOVER PLAN": QUESTION INVOLVED WHAT, IF

ANY, RESPONSE FIVE SHOULD MAKE TO SAG APPROACHES ON NUJOMA STATEMENT AND ON SO-CALLED SWAPO TAKEOVER PLAN. UK (MURRAY) READ FROM INSTRUCTIONS THAT HMG DID NOT THINK CONVINCING CASE HAD BEEN MADE THAT NUJOMA HAD BEEN MISREPRESENTED. HMG THOUGHT IT "WOULD BE MOST UNWISE TO RE-OPEN THIS ISSUE." IT WAS CLEAR THAT BASIS FOR UK POSITION WAS THAT UK DID NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO SUPPORT SWAPO CAUSE SINCE MURRAY, AT LEAST, DID NOT EVEN HAVE ACCESS TO SO-CALLED TAKEOVER DOCUMENT UNTIL PROVIDED BY US. US (MCHENRY) ARGUED STRONGLY IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. THE SAG, HE SAID, KNEW VERY WELL THAT NUJOMA REMARKS AND SWAPO DOCUMENT REFERRED ONLY TO SWAPO OBJECTIVES IN EVENT OF AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. THE SAG WAS WILLFULLY MISREPRESENTING BOTH. MCHENRY ARGUED THAT FIVE COULD NOT AFFORD NOT TO ANSWER BOTH AND TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. MURRAY WAS ADAMANT AND OTHER THREE TOOK NO STRONG POSITION. MATTER WAS DROPPED, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING.

3. OTHER MATTERS: MCHENRY BRIEFED GROUP ON HIS TALK THAT MORNING WITH GA PRESIDENT MOJSOV (SEPTTEL). UK DISTRIBUTED TEXT OF DRAFT COVERING MESSAGE TO THE SAG (SEPTTEL) FOR APPROVAL BY FIVE. US DISTRIBUTED FOR CG'S APPROVAL DRAFT TEXT OF COVERING MESSAGE TO SYG WALDHEIM AND DRAFT TEXT OF TALKING POINTS FOR HIS USE (DATAFAXED DEPT. ATT: ESCUDERO). US-DRAFTED COVERING MESSAGE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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TALKING POINTS FOR SWAPO WILL BE GIVEN CG FOR TRANSMITTAL TO CAPITALS AT NEXT MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 MARCH 23. CG AGREED TO COME TO MARCH 23 MEETING ARMED WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR TIMING OF PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL TO FL, SWAPO AND SAG. ONE OPTION WOULD BE TO PRESENT PROPOSAL TO FL PRESIDENTS THIS COMING WEEKEND IN DAR. IF NUJOMA IS ALSO IN DAR, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT NOT TO GIVE TEXT TO HIM THERE AS WELL. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN SOUTH AFRICA MAKES IT UNLIKELY PROPOSAL CAN BE PRESENTED TO SAG UNTIL MARCH 28. LEONARD

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